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Sharp Shooters

Photos by Paul Haring

A showcase community of the Military District of Washington and the National Capital Region, Fort Myer, Va., is home to many members of the Army's official ceremonial unit and security force in the Washington metropolitan area.

In these photos, Fort Myer photographer Paul Haring highlights the people and activities of the Army's 3rd U.S. Infantry (The Old Guard).



(Above) Teenage girls visiting Washington, D.C., from Lebanon, Tenn., are surprised to learn that PFC Jason Meurer grew up in their hometown and went to the same elementary school as some of them. The girls are talking to Meurer, who is an Old Guard soldier, after a Twilight Tattoo rehearsal at Fort Myer.

(Top) Amanda Evans watches the Sentinel at the Tomb of the Unknowns with her daughter Arden, 2, on an Easter morning.

(Right) SPC Charles Emerson — dressed as a Union cavalry soldier from the Civil War — rides “Steel” during a Twilight Tattoo rehearsal at Fort Myer.

(Far right) Led by Old Guard soldiers, a joint service honor guard marches down the steps of the Lincoln Memorial during a ceremony marking the 192nd anniversary of Lincoln’s birth.

IN THIS TEMPLE
AS IN THE HEARTS OF THE PEOPLE
FOR WHOM HE SAVED THE UNION
THE MEMORY OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN
IS ENSHRINED FOREVER



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(Right) It's 6:15 a.m. Easter morning as worshipers enter the glowing amphitheater at Arlington National Cemetery for the sunrise service.

(Below) The U.S. Army Drill Team performs a routine during a Twilight Tattoo on the Ellipse in front of the White House.





(Above) President George W. Bush, commander in chief of the nation's armed forces, participates in a Memorial Day service at Fort Myer.

(Above right) Old Guard soldiers tend their horses on the Ellipse in front of the White House before a Twilight Tattoo performance.

(Right) SSG Christopher Paul Hirt prays during Ash Wednesday mass at Fort Myer's Memorial Chapel.

